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The Metropolitan Teams - 2021 **Part of the John Arkinstall State Open Teams Championship**

Covid 19 Update - September 2021

As Covid-19 lockdowns have severely impacted all metropolitan club sessions, the NSWBA will make it easier for clubs to send representative teams to the Metropolitan Final. There are two ways teams may be selected.

1. Clubs may still hold Club Qualifying Events. Events held face-to-face or on RealBridge attract red MPs with W=5.0. Those held on BBO attract red MPs with W=2.5.
2. Additionally or instead, clubs may nominate representative teams that consist wholly of club members.

As before, the Metropolitan Final is combined with the Jacaranda Teams Congress as a single event - teams may enter it directly (i.e., not as club representatives) for \$120. This is done via the Online Spring Nationals Congress entry on MyABF. The Jacaranda Teams is the last event in the program.

Club representative teams MUST NOT be entered via MyABF. Complete the Excel form available on <https://nswba.com.au/tourn/state/se.asp?Y=2021&E=sotmetro> and send to the Metropolitan Teams Organiser at sotmetro@nswba.com.au. The NSWBA will issue each participating club with an invoice to cover the entry fees of representative teams and the costs of any red masterpoints issued. All club representative teams will be listed on the NSWBA's [online entry system](#). Nominated teams, listing all team members and their ABF numbers, can just be emailed to the above address.

Other conditions are essentially unchanged.

- Clubs can hold one or two qualifying events with a combined total of at most 6 sessions. The minimum length of an event is 2 sessions.
- Scoring must be IMP based, not matchpoints. A teams format is preferred, but IMP-based pairs events (generally Butler or Cross-IMPs) are also allowed. Whichever format you play, the masterpoint awards are maximised if all matches consist of at least 5 boards; this ensures masterpoints are awarded for every match played.
- The masterpoints issued are part of the NSWBA's State Championship allowance - they are cheaper than B4c masterpoints and are additional to your B4c allowance.
- The entry fee to the Metropolitan Final is \$80 per team, a \$40 discount for club representative teams. The NSWBA will invoice the club; no entry fees will be collected from the players.
- It's completely up to the club how the entry fees to the Metropolitan Final are raised. One sensible method is for the club to pay the \$80 for the top ranked team(s) and to collect the \$80 from lower placed or nominated teams that want to play the Metropolitan Final.
- Two teams from the Jacaranda Teams will qualify to play in the Finals of the State Teams. One place will be offered to teams representing metropolitan bridge clubs. The other place will be offered to teams consisting solely of metropolitan Sydney players.

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